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Bush tells Saudi no decision on Iraq

CRAWFORD, Texas —

President George W. Bush pressed his case against Iraq when he discussed problems in the Middle East with Saudi Ambassador Prince Bandar bin Sultan at the president's ranch Tuesday. "The president stressed that he has made no decisions, that he will continue to engage in consultations with Saudi Arabia and other nations about steps in the Middle East, steps in Iraq," White House Press Secretary Ari Fleischer told reporters. "The president made very clear again that he believes that Saddam Hussein is a menace to world peace, a menace to regional peace and that the world and the region will be safer and better off without Saddam Hussein."

L.A. schools ban sodas

LOS ANGELES — Los Angeles County school officials voted Tuesday to ban the sale of soft drinks

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Aviation unit shines at Mtn. Sweep

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BAGRAM, Afghanistan — The 1st Battalion, 229th Aviation Regiment, from Fort Bragg, N.C., helped Operation Mountain Sweep get off the ground as American Forces targeted enemy forces in the Zormat region.

"It was a great mission," said Maj. Donald G. Fallin, operation officer. "It was very successful."

The unit, sometimes dubbed "Tigersharks," began the eight-day operation by

transporting troops to a remote area near Khowst. They also provided close-air support while the troops infiltrated the province.

"We're here to support the 82nd (Airborne Division) mission," said Capt. Erik A. Enyart, battalion adjutant. "In which, we provide aerial coverage for convoys and the ground troops."

The motivation never wavered during the mission, as several soldiers were eager to complete the objective.

"We did a lot of flying mis-

sions," said Spc. Nason Kelly, electronic repairman. "But the teamwork was great and everyone was happy to help in any way they could."

During the final days of OMS, the regiment went in to transport the troops out of the area and also escorted the convoy back to its remote location. Fallin said there were no casualties that he is aware of, and the troops were able to find one or two caches.

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Baby chicks break out of shell in Kabul

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KABUL, Afghanistan — We live in troubled times in an extremely chaotic world. Competition is fierce, survival is dependent upon material gain, and apathy has become a protective shield to many.

Two members of the Coalition Joint Civil-Military Operations Task Force Public Health Team have dropped their protective shield and opened their pocket books to fund the Kabul University Faculty of Veterinary Science's Poultry Pro-



A teacher at the Kabul University Faculty of Veterinary Science checks on eggs recently donated to him by the CJCMOTF Public Health Team.

gram.

Army Maj. Julie Roche, of the Task Force's Public Health Team, said the Poultry Program is designed to provide a self-replenishing supply of chickens to the school and initially started as a request from the Dean of Veterinary Faculty.

Normally a request

for assistance is channeled through the CJCMOTF, which coordinates resources to assess, identify and conduct civil-military projects in support of relief and stabilization operations in Afghanistan. The CJCMOTF has assisted in the rebuilding and refurbishing of hundreds of

projects throughout the war-torn countryside. However, Roche and Sgt. Melissa Perry, a Civil Affairs specialist attached to the CJCMOTF Public Health Team, saw this particular request as an opportunity to personally lend a helping hand.

"They gave us a list and we saw that this was something that we can do, so Sergeant Perry and I chipped in and got everything they needed," said Roche.

"First, we bought an incubator, a trough and feed for the chicks," said Roche, a resident of Sautee, Ga. "All we

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"We are doing great things here," said Staff Sgt. Jesse Vielma, platoon sergeant, Company A. "We are working very hard and keeping ourselves motivated. Sure, we miss home, but we know why we are here."

This is not the first time the unit has gone in harm's way to ensure service members' safety. In fact, the unit has a bright history.

The unit was constituted March 18, 1964, into the regular Army as the 229th Assault Helicopter Battalion. It entered active duty the next day and was assigned to the 11th Air Assault Division at Fort Benning, Ga. The unit was reorganized and Reassigned to the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) in preparation for deployment to Vietnam.

The 229th Aviation Battalion fought in Vietnam for six years

and distinguished itself in 16 major campaigns earning three Presidential Unit Citations, the Valorous Unit Award, a Meritorious Unit Commendation, four awards of the Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry and a Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Medal.

The battalion returned from Vietnam as the most decorated aviation unit in the Army, but was inactivated following the war on Aug. 22, 1972 at Fort Hood, Texas. The unit was reactivated Sept. 21, 1978.



Photo by Spc. Alfredo Jimenez Jr.
A CH-47 Chinook from the 229th Aviation Battalion flies through Afghanistan skies in support of Operation Mountain Sweep.

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needed then were the eggs."

The two philanthropists ventured to various parts of Kabul with the assistance of the Poultry Co-op, an Afghan organization. They finally found a farmer with the amount of eggs they were looking for.

"It wasn't like going to the grocery store for a dozen of eggs or two," exclaimed Perry "We were looking for hundreds of eggs."

A few days, a few miles and \$40 later, the team had 420 eggs. The eggs were delivered to the university, placed in the incubator and 21 days later, the chicks started coming out of their shells.

"I never really even liked chickens," said Perry of Oneida, Tenn.

"That is, until I cradled a newly hatched one in my hands."

According to Roche, about 210 chicks hatched. "Some of the eggs were broken, and others were not fertilized, but overall we're pleased with the outcome."

"This is a lasting contribution, and (the Poultry Program) will continue to grow," Roche said.

CJCMOTF's two Samaritans spent a total of \$450 on supplies to help kick off the Poultry Program. Chickens from the program will be used as training aids for anatomy classes, sold to generate additional revenue for the school, and of course, to make more chickens.



Photo by Pfc. Matthew Acosta, 300th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

Moving along

A local village girl reveals her unveiled face as she glances back over her shoulder, while leading a work-mule toward her dwelling place with bottled water strapped to its back. The Afghan families living in the area get their water daily from a nearby well outside an American security compound in Khandahar.

HIND SIGHT

70

The Temple of Jerusalem burns after a nine-month Roman siege.

1776

Gen. George Washington retreats during the night from Long Island to New York City — the plight of Mount Vernon.

1882

Australia defeats England in cricket for the first time. The following day, an obituary appears in the *Sporting Times* addressed to the British team.

1942

The American Red Cross announces that Japan has refused to allow safe passage of ships with supplies for American POWs.

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to its 735,000 students amid worries about increasingly overweight children being fed junk food in their schools. In voting unanimously to end the sale of soda in vending machines and cafeterias by January of 2004, the Los Angeles School Board rejected arguments that its 677 campuses need the money they make from the drinks, saying that students' health should take precedence over fundraising. But they also voted for a compromise measure that would allow for the superintendent of schools to address the issue of lost revenue in a report to be filed six months from now.

South Korea's new PM vetoed

SEOUL, South Korea — South Korea's government has been dealt another blow, after parliament rejected President Kim Dae-jung's second nominee for prime minister. Less than four months away from a presidential election, prime minister-designate Chang Dae-whan was rejected in a 151-112 vote Wednesday. There were three abstentions. The 50-year-old former newspaper executive had been grilled during three days of parliamentary hearings concerning company loans and a land deal where Chang failed to pay tax. Chang's rejection as premier has further dented the standing of Kim, whose single five-year term ends in February.

New West Nile deaths in U.S.

CHICAGO — Four additional deaths believed to have been caused by mosquito-borne West Nile virus were reported Tuesday in Illinois, Michigan and Ohio. If confirmed, the new cases would bring to 23 the number of fatalities nationally. The Illinois Department of Public Health said the latest deaths in the state, on top of two reported earlier, were those of an 83-year-old Chicago man and a 92-year-old woman from suburban Chicago. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has confirmed 425 human cases of West Nile in 20 states and the District of Columbia, 20 of them fatal.

Local weather

TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER REPORT:

	Today	Friday
Bagram:	Partly cloudy H: 95F L: 66F	Dusty H: 95F L: 66F
Khandahar:	Dusty H: 108F L: 72F	Dusty H: 108F L: 70F
Kabul:	Haze H: 93F L: 61F	Haze H: 93F L: 64F
Uzbekistan:	Clear H: 95F L: 66F	Clear H: 92F L: 66F

Weather forecast courtesy of the Bagram Combat Weather Team

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COALITION SPORTSZONE

The Day in Sports

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MLB: Runaway trains

With the season possibly drawing to a close Friday, two teams are really hoping that won't be the case. The Athletics continued their impressive streak Wednesday night, winning their 15th straight game with a 7-1 rout of the Royals. The Yankees, behind Mike Mussina's three-hitter, pounded the Red Sox 7-0 to increase their AL East lead to nine games.

Soccer: Celtic sent packing

Celtic appeared to be in prime position for a berth in the Champions League after beating FC Basel 3-1 in the first leg of qualifying two weeks ago. However, the tiny Swiss club shocked the defending Scottish champs 2-0 on Wednesday to advance to the group stage for the first time in its history on the away goals rule. Murat Yakin scored what turned out to be the decisive goal in the 22nd minute.

College football: Michigan defense can't rest

Lloyd Carr says Michigan's defense is the best he's ever had. It will have to be when No. 9 Washington visits No. 10 Michigan Saturday. Stopping the Huskies' dangerous duo of Cody Pickett and Reggie Williams will be UM's toughest task.

Car racing: Off kilter

Tempers were as short as the race was long Sunday at Bristol, Tenn. And while it's no surprise seeing drivers lose control after bumping and banging at Bristol, rookie phenom Jimmie Johnson losing his cool was a bit unexpected, despite the hit he had just taken in the points race.

Tennis: Good start for Pete

Looking for his first tourney title in more than two years, a relaxed Pete Sampras showed encouraging form in his first-round match at the U.S. Open on Wednesday. Sampras, the 17th seed, used an overpowering serve to route Albert Portas 6-1, 6-4, 6-4. In the women's draw, Serena Williams advanced but Jelena Dokic was thwarted by unseeded Elena Bovina 6-3, 6-2.

Bagram Bench Press Meet

The Bagram Bench Press Meet will be Monday, 0430 (Z), at the U.S. Army gymnasium and is open to all Coalition service members. Weigh-ins will be Sunday, 1430 (Z) - 1500 (Z), and Monday, 0330 (Z) - 0400 (Z).

Labor Day Run

The Army Space Command is hosting a 5.9-mile Labor Day Run, Monday, at 0200 (Z), with showtime at 0130 (Z). Entry fee for the race is \$10, which includes a T-shirt. T-shirts are available to the first 275 participants. Those interested can register on the first floor of Motel 6, located in Dragon City at Bagram Air Base.

For more information, call Sgt. Sean McGraine at DSN 303-587-5663.

2002 Major League standings

American League East			GB
N.Y. Yankees	83-48	.634	-
Boston	74-57	.565	9
Baltimore	63-68	.481	20
American League Central			GB
Minnesota	80-54	.597	-
Chicago (AL)	63-70	.474	16.5
Cleveland	58-74	.439	21
American League West			GB
Oakland	83-51	.619	-
Anaheim	78-53	.595	3.5
Seattle	78-55	.586	4.5
National League East			GB
Atlanta	83-48	.634	-
Philadelphia	65-65	.500	17.5
Montreal	65-66	.496	18
National League Central			GB
St. Louis	73-58	.557	-
Houston	70-62	.530	3.5
Cincinnati	65-67	.492	8.5
National League West			GB
Arizona	84-48	.636	-
Los Angeles	76-56	.576	8
San Francisco	73-58	.557	10.5

Tuesday's scores

Chicago Sox 8-0 Toronto
 N.Y. Yankees 7-0 Boston
 Pittsburgh 1-0 Atlanta
 Cleveland 2-1 Detroit
 Florida 7-3 N.Y. Mets
 Oakland 7-1 Kansas City
 St. Louis 9-2 Cincinnati
 Minnesota 2-1 Seattle
 Milwaukee 5-1 Chicago Cubs
 Texas 5-3 Baltimore
 Houston 2-1 San Diego

AL

1. Anaheim .595
2. Seattle .586
3. Boston .565
4. Baltimore .481
5. Chicago Sox .474
6. Texas .450

NL

1. Los Angeles .576
2. San Francisco .557
3. Houston .530
4. Philadelphia .500
5. Montreal .496
6. Cincinnati .492